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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WASHING AND DRYING PINS  
IN MICROARRAY SPOTTING INSTRUMENTS**

the specification of which (check only one):

☒ is attached hereto.

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Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
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on \_\_\_\_\_  
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designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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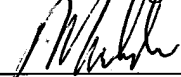
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